

...Our Holiday Trade...

has been enormous. People appreciate good goods and the fact that we sell only that kind tells the tale. We also buy in large quantities and give our customers the benefit of our bargains.

Do you see the point?

We appreciate your trade and ask for its continuance during the ensuing year.

Call in and see me.

WIN'S GROCERY.

Happy New Year

The constant increase of business and the many new patrons at our store is good evidence of their confidence in us, the splendid values given, and the completeness of our stock. The holiday rush being over we will endeavor to give our customers better service than ever. You can always find everything in

Drugs, Chemicals. Wall Paper. Window Shades. Stationery, Rubber Goods, School Books, Leather Goods, Perfumes, Art Goods and Cigars.

ALWAYS THE CHEAPEST.
SHARRAR & MULHOLLAND,
—THE LEADING—
Druggists and Wall Paper Dealers.

OFFICES TO RENT...

The offices in the new addition to the Opera House Block, are ready for occupancy. These offices have every convenience found in the up-to-date city office building. They are thoroughly heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and constant janitor service. Can be rented single or in suite.

BACHELOR APARTMENTS:
We have on the third floor some desirable rooms that would make very attractive apartments for gentlemen. They could be arranged and decorated to suit tenants. Would have steam heat and electric light.

All of the above are open to inspection. Full particulars at office of

J. H. Lancashire & Co.

Mourning Goods.

A full line of the above goods for rent to ladies for funeral occasions.

Special Sale of Hats for the Holidays.

A new line of Hair Goods, Switches, etc.

Mrs. J. F. Lathrop.

MISS INA DORSEY,
TRIMMER.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS!

In looking over our subscription list we find several hundred dollars due us and as it is impossible to run a paper without money we are in hopes our friends will remember us and come in and help us out. One subscription is a small thing, but when they are into the hundreds the aggregate is enormous.

HOME and VICINITY.

Smoke the Admiral Dewey.
WENTON—A boy to feed cylinder and job press.
Mrs. W. A. Seaver spent Christmas with friends in Detroit.
Miss Ariadne McLaren was in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday night.
S. L. Bennett and J. P. Losey went to Saginaw Wednesday on business.
C. F. Pike and Sheriff-elect Parrish of Breckinridge were in Alma Monday.
Don't miss the bargains at F. E. Pollasky's clearance sale which closes Jan'y 15th.

A few of those nice fat turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese left for New Year's at Banghart's.

A majority of the college students left for home last Friday and Saturday to spend the vacation.

Wm. Hannah, Jr. of Harbor Springs, a former Alma boy, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chadwick of Ithaca spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chadwick.

The pleasure of the after-dinner smoke may be increased by buying your cigars at C. B. Ingersoll's cigar store. They are in keeping with the other goods found there.

Grand Chancellor Lusk of Bay City will visit Fitz James Lodge No. 95, K. of P., tonight and hold a school of instruction. St. Louis, Ithaca and Ashley lodges have been invited to meet with the local lodge and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

Judge Stone announces in reference to the granting of decrees in pro confesso cases that hereafter in all divorce cases an order will be made that defendant shall not marry in two years unless defendant come in and make a defense which shall not be a mere technical appearance, but a genuine defense.

A. Hodgkinson was in Saginaw Monday.

Perry D. Pettitt of Ithaca was in Alma Monday.

Al Davis spent Christmas with friends in Toledo.

Fresh home-made mince meat at Banghart's.

Harry Ball spent Christmas with relatives in Petersburg.

W. W. Rollin went to Tekonsha to spend Christmas with a sister.

Miss Harriet Lancashire is spending the holidays in Alma with her parents.

Dr. N. F. McClinton and son, Rex, were in Detroit last Saturday on business.

C. G. Barnes of Fowlerville is spending the holidays in Alma with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bahlke, Sr., are spending the week with relatives in Saginaw.

Mrs. J. F. Sartor, Sr., went to Detroit Tuesday to visit her daughter for a few days.

Mrs. F. C. Kernen and son, Ralph, are both confined to the house with scarlet fever.

Turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese at Millman & Hammer's for your New Year's dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Adams and children spent Christmas with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Two good second hand cook stoves and one heating stove for sale at a bargain at Brook's.

Great reduction sale at M. & J. Lamborn's until Jan. 1, 1901. All hats at rock bottom prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fink of Mount Pleasant are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fink, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Caple left on Wednesday for Toledo where they will visit their son, A. B. Caple, for a few days.

C. E. Silsbee went to Carson City Tuesday and we should judge from appearances enjoyed a very pleasant Christmas.

The employees of the Alma Roller Mills, electric light works and cooper shop were each given a nice fat turkey for Christmas.

Miss Bertha Norton of Vestaburg took the train at this place Saturday for Tarpan Springs, Fla., where she will spend the winter.

Wm. Millman went to Grand Haven Monday to remain with relatives during the holidays. We heard it rumored that he will not return alone.

Arthur Clymer of Ithaca and Miss Harriet McCarthy of this place were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rollin on Sunday last by Justice Chadwick.

We are in receipt of a letter from Frank Wheeler of Aberdeen, Wash., in which he incloses a renewal of his subscription and extends to us the compliments of the season.

The Allegan Chronicle came out last week with a sixteen page illustrated edition printed in colors. Editor Brown is publishing one of the best papers in Michigan, both literary and typographically.

Fred Rohlan of Alma and Miss Anna Galvin of Edmore were married by Justice Dunham at his residence in Alma Christmas Eve. The happy couple left on the evening train west on a short wedding trip.

Don't fail to supply your wants in dry goods, carpets, curtains, rugs, capes, jackets, furs, underwear, hosiery, blankets, shoes, etc., at about manufacturers' prices during F. E. Pollasky's great clearance sale.

How is this for a swear-off for the new year? I do sincerely and solemnly declare that I will at once discontinue borrowing my neighbor's Record, and further, I will visit the office of that paper and order it sent to my address for one year, at the same time depositing with the editor coin of the realm to the amount of \$1.00.

We have received a letter from C. F. Stone, a former Alma boy who has been working for Smith-Premier Typewriter Co., in Syracuse, N. Y., in which he informs us that he has been placed in charge of the repair department of the company in Washington, D. C. We are pleased to hear of his success and congratulate him.

Ashley people are very much pleased with the sugar beet culture this year and think their soil is particularly adapted for the crop as the following report shows: E. S. Reist received \$50 for beets raised on one acre of ground; Charles E. Beck, \$101 for beets raised on one and one-half acres, and H. E. Cambern \$180 for beets raised on three acres. The amount of acreage devoted to this crop will be greatly increased the coming season.

The season's run at the sugar factory has practically ended the last of the beets being sliced last Monday afternoon. It will take about two weeks to finish working up the syrup and brown sugar in the factory and then the factory will shut down until next year. Up to date the factory has refined 6,000,000 pounds of white sugar but the output will undoubtedly reach 7,000,000 pounds at the end of the season. We will be able to give more correct figures and a more extended statement in our next issue.

Job T. Sleight went to DeWitt Tuesday.

B. R. Lane of Ithaca was in Alma Monday.

Get your barbering done at Clark's barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall spent Christmas in Saginaw.

All trimmed hats at 25 per cent off at M. & J. Lamborn's.

Dr. E. T. Lamb spent Christmas with friends in Petersburg.

Geo. McClellan spent Christmas with relatives in Port Huron.

Earl Palmer celebrated Christmas with his parents in Stanton.

Wilbur Nelson is home for his vacation from Kalamazoo college.

Fred Servors of Mancelona is visiting relatives in Alma for a few days.

Miss Sarah McNamara spent Christmas with friends in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bright spent Christmas with relatives in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Burton of Toledo spent Christmas in Alma with relatives.

See the fine values shown in trimmed hats from \$1.00 up at M. & J. Lamborn's.

Wm. Caple went to Eaton Rapids Tuesday to visit relatives during the holidays.

Maddison Patterson of Belding spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Patterson.

Gale Davidson of Detroit spent the latter part of last week and Sunday with his mother in Alma.

Wm. Martin and family of Petoskey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Butterfield over Christmas.

A good boy wishing to learn the printer's trade can secure a position at this office. Good pay from the start.

Mrs. A. O. Davis and Mrs. W. B. Davis left on Monday for Eaton Rapids to spend Christmas with relatives.

For 50 to 75 cents you can purchase one dollar's worth of goods (until Jan'y 15th) at F. E. Pollasky's great clearance sale.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Porter of St. Johns spent Christmas in Alma with Mrs. Porter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Latimer.

Crowds of people are taking advantage of the clearance sale of stylish, reliable dry goods, carpets, capes, jackets, shoes, etc., at F. E. Pollasky's.

Mrs. M. J. Martin, who has been stopping with her daughter, Mrs. A. I. Butterfield, left on Monday for Petoskey where she will remain during the winter with another daughter.

John and Harry Church, two tough young characters hailing from Seattle, were arrested last Friday night for fast driving and Justice Chadwick taxed them \$5.00 each for their fun.

B. C. Button of this place has been slated for the appointment of undersheriff by Sheriff-elect Parrish. We are sure the appointment will meet with general approval throughout the county.

Mr. Sam Eggleston of Detroit is the new clerk at the Wright House. He comes highly recommended as a gentleman and a thorough hotel man. Mrs. Eggleston will join her husband here next week.

We were in error last week in stating that Dr. Thompson had resigned his position at the sanitarium. Dr. Brown is another assistant physician in this popular health resort instead of taking Dr. Thompson's place.

While Mrs. A. B. Scattergood was going home from the store last Saturday night she was met near the race bridge by two drunken loafers who threatened to throw her into the river. Joe Elliott happened to be in hearing distance and rescued her. No fine as yet has been found of the parties.

Among the profitable fields of sugar beets reported at the sugar factory this year perhaps that made by Patrick Welch of Hemlock heads the list. Mr. Welch raised one acre of beets which brought \$101.92. He charged up all expenses, including his own time, and for a balance has \$75 net profit.

A stranger attempted to pass a bill that had been raised from \$1 to \$10 on C. B. Ingersoll last Monday night. Mr. Ingersoll detected the fraud, however, but as he was alone in his place of business at the time he did not have a chance to call an officer in order to have the fellow arrested and consequently he escaped.

The short fiction in the "New" Lip pinott is always well chosen and up-to-date in subject. For instance, "The day of the President's Message," by Edwin L. Sablin, in the January number, is an incident that might be read in any local column, and yet it is the very essence of good fiction, which demands tender as well as vehement chords.

There are soon to be inspectors appointed who will go over the rural routes which have been established and investigate the roads and the boxes and the general condition of the service. These inspectors will have the power to make changes in the routes where the roads do not come up to the required standard, so you will see it will stand the farmers in hand who desire this service to see to it that their roads are placed in good condition. Failing in this there may be some disappointed people who have been counting on daily mail and who will not get it.

L. H. HAYT'S ...Department Store...

L. H. Hayt

wishes his friends and customers

A Happy New Year

and thanks them for their courtesies and patronage which has made the sale of the past Ten Days a gigantic success.

L. H. Hayt's
Department Store,
CHURCH BLOCK, ALMA.

Rubber Goods

We buy these goods in quantities that keep our stock fresh. We buy of the manufacturers. If you want a

**Hot Water Bottle,
Fountain Syringe or
Bulb Syringe**

or anything in that line, call in and see us before buying.

BIVINS & RHODES.

Up-to-Date Pharmacy.

UNION TELEPHONE
EXCHANGE.

This Month..



beat the record of any Christmas Sales during the past eleven years that we have sold Furniture in Alma. The people of Gratiot county find our store a place where standard goods in

Furniture, etc.,

can be bought for as little purses as can be found anywhere in Michigan.

JOHN W. DEAN.
UNDERTAKING A SPECIALTY.